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Fast Facts on the California Economy –August 2010

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California is one of the ten largest economies in the world with a 2009 gross state product (GSP) of \$1.75 trillion.¹ The latest California Research Bureau estimate of California foreclosures is 1.1 million between 2007-2012; currently California has 363,978 foreclosed properties.² August unemployment was at 12.4% (seasonally adjusted) representing an estimated 2.25 million unemployed workers in California.³

UCalifornia's Global Economy

- In 2009, California's total GSP was \$1.75 trillion as compared to the United States with a gross domestic product (GDP) of \$14.3 trillion.⁴
- In 2009, California's GSP ranked this state as being the 8th largest economy in the world. The 2009 worldwide GDP in rank order are as follows: United States (\$14.3 trillion), Japan (\$5.10 trillion), China (\$4.90 trillion), Germany (\$3.35 trillion), France (\$2.65 trillion), United Kingdom (\$2.17 trillion), Italy (\$2.11 trillion), Brazil (\$1.57 trillion), Spain (\$1.46 trillion), Canada (\$1.34 trillion) and India (\$1.30 trillion), and the Russian Federation (\$1.23 trillion).⁵

Job Market

- In August 2010 there were 13,827,900 jobs in nonfarm industries. California nonfarm payrolls lost 33,500 jobs in August followed by a 22,999 job-loss in July and a (revised) 24,000 job-loss in June.⁶
- Within nonfarm industries, two sectors saw month-over job gains, and nine sectors saw month-over job declines. The sectors with increased employment in August were: professional and business services (300) and mining and logging (200); Sectors that lost jobs in August, in order of job loss magnitude, were: government (9,200); trade, transportation and utilities (8,600); construction 3,900); manufacturing (3,800); financial activities (3,700); information (2,800); educational and health services (1,400); other services (500); and leisure and hospitality (100).⁷
- From August 2009 to August 2010, nonfarm businesses have lost 113,100 jobs in payrolls, down 0.8% since July 2009 and more than the rate decrease of the nation of (0.0%).⁸
- From August 2009 to August 2010, nonfarm jobs rose in three of the 11 major industry sectors: professional and business services, education and health services, and mining and logging.⁹

Unemployment (August 2010) These numbers are not seasonally adjusted as compared to the seasonally adjusted unemployment number above. The monthly unemployment numbers by there nature are not seasonally adjusted.)

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| • Statewide: 12.4% (Up from 12.0% in 2009) | • Los Angeles County: 13.0% (Up from 12.4% in 2009) |
| • Alameda County: 11.7% (Up from 11.5% in 2009) | • Riverside County: 15.3 % (Up from 14.6% in 2009) |
| • Colusa County: 16.2% (Up from 13.8% in 2009) | • Sacramento County: 12.8% (Up from 11.9% in 2009) |
| • Contra Costa: 11.3% (Up from 11.1% in 2009) | • Santa Clara County: 11.1% (Down from 11.8% in 2009) ¹⁰ |
| • Fresno County: 15.4% (Up from 14.2% 2009) | |
| • Imperial County: 30.4% (Down from 31.3% in 2009) | |

In-sourcing of Jobs

- Insourcing companies provide 605,600 jobs for California workers.¹¹
- California ranks 1st in the United States in the number of employees supported by U.S. subsidiaries.¹²
- In 2007, insourcing companies employed 605,600 Californians and accounted for 5% of the state's total private sector employment.¹³ At the national level, U.S. subsidiaries employ 5.5 million Americans and support an annual payroll of \$403.6 billion.¹⁴

Energy Market

- California produces 12.9% of the natural gas, 38.12% of the crude oil, and 73.2% of the electricity it uses. The remaining electricity and natural gas is purchased from Canada, the Pacific Northwest, the Rocky Mountain States and the Southwest. The remaining crude oil is imported from Alaska and foreign sources.¹⁵
- The West Coast prices for Alaskan North Slope crude oil increased from \$74.88 to \$81.62 as of August 4th but are still \$10.45 higher than a year ago.¹⁶
- Reformulated gasoline production in California, for the week ending July 30, 2010, decreased 9.4% from the previous week to 6.1 million barrels, falling to the bottom of a 5-year range and is 1% higher than a year ago. Inventories for California reformulated gasoline also decreased 1.1% and at the bottom of a five-year range.¹⁷

California's Innovation Economy

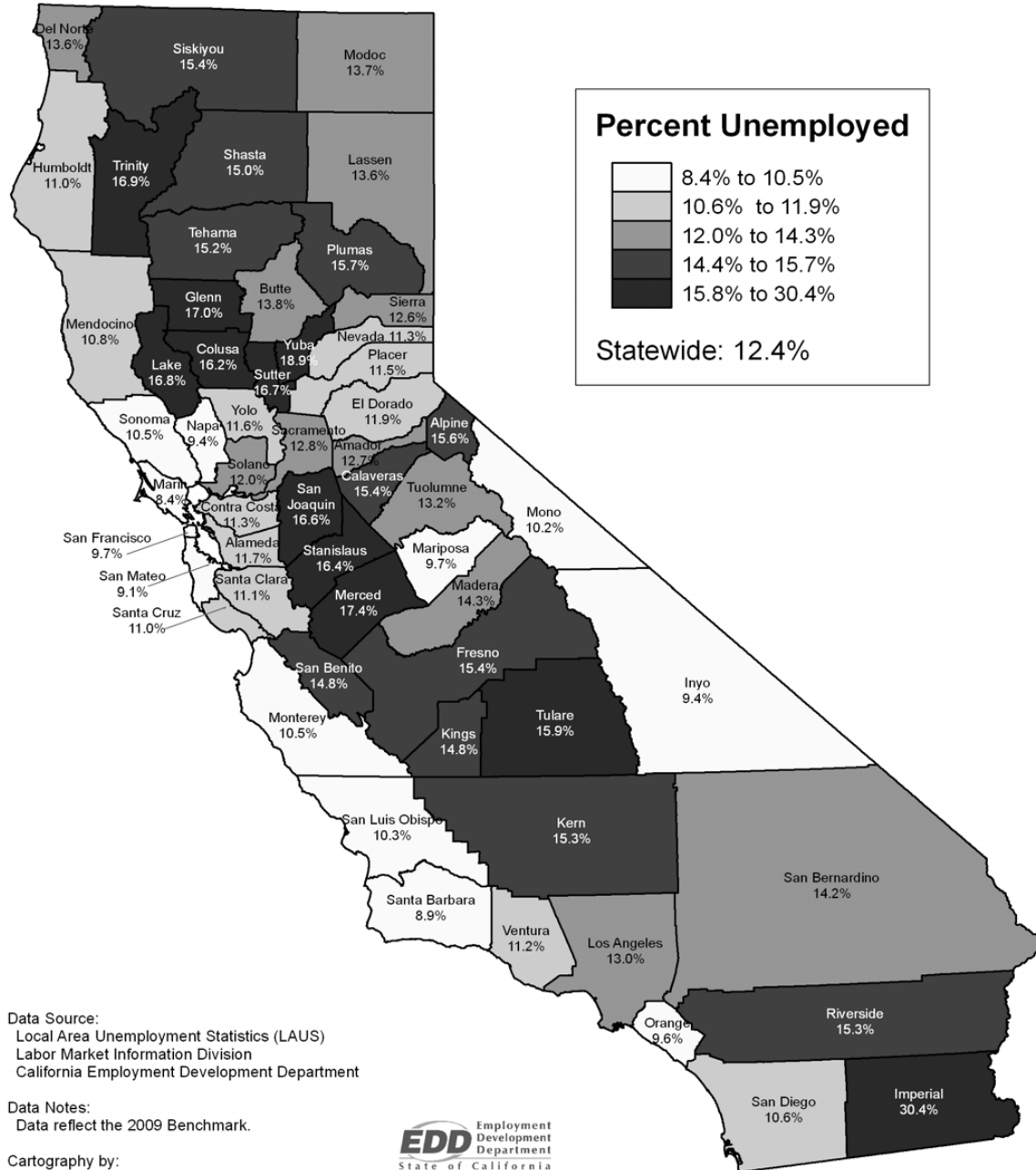
- California ranks 4th among the 50 states in science and technology. Other top states include Massachusetts (1st), Maryland (2nd), Colorado (3rd), and Washington (5th). The index ranks states based on research and development dollars, number of patents issued, venture capital investment, and business starts.¹⁸
- California ranks 1st among 50 states for patents issued in 2009 when 23,354 total patents were granted. Other top performing states include Texas (6,436 patents), New York (6,127 patents), Washington (4,856 patents), and Massachusetts (4,038 patents).¹⁹
- California ranks 1st in start-ups and 1st in new branches in high-tech manufacturing. Other top ranking states include Texas, Florida, New York, and Michigan for start-ups and Texas, Florida, Georgia, and New York in new branches.²⁰
- The University of California system ranks 2nd, with Caltech ranking 3rd and Stanford ranking 4th, among all universities in the U.S. for the ability to transfer intellectual property (biotech research and patents) into commercial uses. These rankings are demonstrated in the Technology Transfer and Commercialization Index. Other top ranking universities include MIT (1st) and University of Florida (5th).²¹

California Trade and Foreign Investment Activity

- California merchandise exports were down for the 8th month in June, 2009 according to the UC Center in Sacramento California's year to date exports of \$56.3 billion are down 23% from \$73.2 billion in 2008.²²
- Exports from California accounted for 11% of total U.S. exports in 2009.²³
- California's export shipments of merchandise in 2009 totaled \$120 billion, ranking California second only to Texas (\$163 billion) among the states in terms of total exports of products.²⁴ If the value of services were added to the export of profit, it is likely that California would rank first in total exports.²⁵
- Small and medium-sized firms generated more than two-fifths (44%) of California's total exports of merchandise in 2007, well above the 30% export share nationally.²⁶
- California's top three export markets in 2009 were Mexico (\$17.5 billion), Canada (\$14.3 billion), and Japan (\$10.9 billion), respectively.²⁷
- In 2009, the state's leading export category was computers and electronic products, representing 29% (\$35.2 billion) of California's total merchandise exports.²⁸

County Unemployment Rates

August 2010 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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